

Minutes of the
Lake County Senior Citizens Advisory Panel
Tuesday, August 15, 2017
2:00 p.m.

The Lake County Senior Citizens Advisory Panel hereby finds and determines that all formal actions were taken in an open meeting and that all deliberations of the Senior Citizens Advisory Panel, which resulted in formal action, were taken in a meeting open to the general public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Chairperson, Mr. Gauntner, opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Present

Members: Ken Gauntner, Ellen Cantor, and Spence Kline
Staff: Jason Boyd, Alyea Barajas, Donna Tyson, and Kathy Russo
Absent: Tom Dreher, Frank Doberdruk
From the Public: no one present.

Public Comments -none.

Approval of June 20, 2017 minutes:

Ms. Cantor moved to table the minutes of the June 20, 2017 minutes, Mr. Kline seconded the motion.
Discussion: none.

Vote: Ayes: All ayes
Motion carried.

Correspondence –none.

Senior Services Levy Update/Information:

Mrs. Barajas reviewed several topics:

Aging in Lake County Conference

Mrs. Barajas updated the Panel on the responses she has received for the “Aging in Lake County” conference on Thursday, September 21st, 2017 at 8:15 a.m. at the Mentor Senior Center. She stated that to date, there are 111 individuals registered. She has received \$3,300 in sponsorship dollars from nine sponsors which include Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging, Schraf & King, LPA, LakeTran, and LakeHealth. Mrs. Barajas has confirmed Dr. Beverage as the moderator.

Mr. Boyd added that the Commissioners will be in attendance to welcome the attendees, introduce Dr. Applebaum, and close the event.

Senior Services Levy

Mrs. Barajas explained that the levy coalition has been meeting regularly and sifting through speaking engagements and events. There is a Pancake Breakfast in support of the Senior Levy planned for Sunday, September 10th. Mrs. Barajas stated that if the Panel is interested in receiving updates regarding levy to submit their email address to her. She also stated she has included some information on upcoming events in their packet and that the coalition is currently scheduling speaking engagements. Mr. Boyd stated that he and Mrs. Barajas have participated in many events and parades.

Contingency Request

Mrs. Barajas stated that she has received the full \$50,000 contingency request from Eastlake for a bus and a request from Fairport Harbor for parking lot repair. She explained that Eastlake would like to use the bus for center trips however, there are still a few details in their request that need clarifying. Fairport Harbor's request was incomplete and she has requested more information but has not heard back from them. Mrs. Barajas stated she will email the panel when she receives the information. These are the only requests to date for contingency funds.

2018 Levy Funding Application Review:

Mr. Boyd referred to the applications provided to the Panel and stated that they are still attempting to fine tune this application process. He stated that the budget for this year is \$2.9 million which is consistent with past years and that we should fund at the full \$2.9 million. When the levy passes, it will bring an additional \$1.4 million based on current valuation. There was some discussion on the depth in which the panel should review the applications. He stated that the focus for the new levy money would be to review the senior study and identify what projects or program suggestions from the study would be most beneficial to the seniors of Lake County.

Ms. Cantor stated that the Fairport Harbor Senior Center property was partially funded through CDBG funds and can be rented as an event facility. She asked if the Center receives any revenue stream from the rentals.

Mr. Boyd stated that any revenue collected would go to the Village, that the Center also has a USDA mortgage on the property and that they may show the revenue in the general fund. Mrs. Tyson stated they have not shown their utilities expenses on their report.

Mr. Gauntner stated that the Perry Senior Center doesn't appear to show revenue for its rentals. Mr. Boyd pointed out that there is also the Community Center wing.

Ms. Cantor asked for clarification on where the rental revenue collections are applied.

Ms. Cantor stated she looked forward to hearing the Aging in Lake County speaker Dr. Applebaum's opinion on whether there has been a resurgence of people attending Senior Centers. She feels that there seems to be more people joining.

Mr. Boyd explained the information in the application packets and asked that the panel use the information as a frame of reference. They would like to get the \$2.9 million allocated sooner than later. Mr. Boyd suggested the panel email their suggestions for center funding to him and Ms. Barajas by August 25th. Discussion continued on requests and the needs of the centers. Mr. Boyd stated that

when the levy passes, they will take a look into the gaps in services, RFP's, community solicitations, etc.

Old Business –

Mrs. Barajas briefly updated the Panel on how well the collaborative initiative projects are doing. She explained that Music & Memory Program is going very well and that the Willowick Senior Center has had a great response to the program. Kirtland Senior Center is working on implementing the program.

Mrs. Tyson updated the panel on the senior table at the Lake County Fair. She stated it went very well and she handed out 150 bags with information from various agencies. There were 97 entries for the drawing.

New Business – none.

General Discussion:-

Mr. Boyd stated that 4 of the Panel member's terms are expiring and asked that Mr. Dreher, Mr. Doberdruk, Mr. Gauntner and Mr. Kline considering serving another term. He thanked them for their valuable service and time.

Adjournment

Mr. Kline moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m. and Ms. Cantor seconded the motion. Discussion: none.

Vote: "All Ayes"

*The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.